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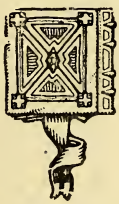

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Thirty-eighth Spring Session held with the church at Liberty, Union county, North Carolina, on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1922. Also of the ninety-first Annual or Fall Session held with the church at Crooked Creek, Union county, North Carolina, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1922.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS SPRING SESSION 1922.

Liberty Church, Union County, N. C.
Saturday, May the 6th, 1922.

Assembled around the Stand in grove at 11 o'clock, A. M. and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. Mills from 1st and 2nd verses of 105 Psalms. Intermission one hour for dinner. At 1:30 P. M. convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder D. G. Staples, a visiting minister. Then Elder Edwards took his seat and proceeded in usual order.

1. Called for the letters from our several churches. These were presented and read by brother H. M. Baucom and all messengers sent and attending seated in council.

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Present and seated were: Elders C. A. Davis and A. G. Morton from Salem, also brother Tom Greer, Elder W. C. McMillon of Nolachuckey, Tenn., and Elder Samuel McMillon of Abbotts Creek, Elder H. M. Williams and brothers T. H. and W. A. Bentley of Silver Creek. Elders B. H. Harrelson, J. W. Brown and brothers Tommie Brown, M. Mears and ————Brown, of Mill Branch and all welcomed.

4. Invited visiting ministers and brethren of sister associations to seats. The following present and seated: Elder D. G. Staples of Greensboro, N. C., M. L. Riner, Collins, Ga.

5. Appointed arrangement Committe as follows: Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and brother J. M. Taylor with Moderator and Clerk.

6. That Elders C. A. Davis, W. C. McMillon, M. L. Riner, B. H. Harrelson and D. G. Staples preach at the stand Sunday. Service 10 A. M.

7. Adjourned to 9:30 A. M., Monday. Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching Saturday P. M. by Elders D. G. Staples, C. A. Davis and W. C. McMillon.

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH.

Preaching today as follows: C. A. Davis, Text—The Valley of Dry Bones. W. C. McMillon, Text—The Hour is Coming &c. Intermission one hour. Afternoon preaching. M. L. Riner, Text—4th Verse of 2nd chapter Romans. B. H. Harrelson, Text—9th verse off 33rd Psalms and closed by D. G. Staples, Text—14th verse of 13th chapter Hebrews. The ministers all blessed with good liberty and we had a good day of sweet service with much interest manifested.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 8TH.

Met at 9:30 in the house, pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder A. G. Morton.

8. Called on arrangement Committe to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Mills attended Mill Branch and had good meeting.

10. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. The following reported satisfactorily: Elder W. C. McMillon of Nolachuckey, Tenn. Elder. C. A. Davis from Salem received and distributed corresponding Minutes from these sister associations: Senter, Salem, Mill Branch and Nolachuckey, Tenn.

11. Called on Presbyteries to report. No report.

12. The committe appointed to investigate conditions in the Mountain District association read a letter from brother J. M. Rector which was satisfactory to us.

13. That we return thanks to God, this church and kind friends of the community for their generous hospitality during this meeting.

14. Read and approved of above Minutes.

15. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last Minutes. Benediction by the Moderator. Monday while the association was in session in the house preaching service conducted at the Stand by Elders W. C. McMillon, B. L. Treece and Sam McMillon. Indeed we can say this was a good meeting throughout.

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS—SPRING SESSION, 1922.

Bear Creek—L. R. Tucker, J. A. Barbee, H. L. Almond.
Bethany—By Letter.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, M. A. Helms, J. F. Burrus.
Clarks Grove—Robt. Lee, E. Barbee, S. L. Taylor.
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, L. L. Little, D. L. Williams.
Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn, C. C. Hall,* C. R. McLendon.
Freedom—By Letter.
High Hill—Elder D. S. Jones, T. C. Mills, C. A. Helms.
High Ridge—John Smith, Jesse Rushing, Lonnie Thomas.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, M. F. Coble, J. A. Hinson.
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, William Thomas.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, A. A. Morton, Jona Morton.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, Edmond Privitte, Oscar Brown.
Liberty Hill—J. T. Crisco, J. C. Morton.
Lawyers Springs—J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, R. L. Horne.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, Aaron Barbee, E. F. Huneycutt.*
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, W. A. Helms, J. C. Miller.*
New Zion—S. M. Uuderwood,* W. M. Coley.*
Pleasant Grove—L. L. Griffin, C. N. Mullis, J. M. Williams.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, E. J. Liles,* H. P. Cashion.*
Philadelphia—F. N. Gardner,* Foster Beam,* Julius Beam.*
Running Creek—W. L. Tucker, E. M. Halley, J. H. McClure.
Union Grove—Latta Baucom, T. F. Hill, L. W. Medlin.
Watson—Troy Simpson, W. A. Hargett, Joel Mullis.

Absentees maked thus (*).

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS FALL SESSION, 1922.

CROOKED CREEK, Union County N. C.

Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1922.

Assembled at the Stand in the spacious grove at 11 o'clock, A. M. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

Then the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Edwards from 38th verse of second chapter of Acts.

Intermission one hour for dinner . Then the ministers and messengers present convened in the church house. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder B. H. Harrelson. Then Elder Edwards resumed the chair and proceeded in the usual order of business.

1. Called for the letters from the several churches composing the body. These were presented and read by brother H. M. Baucom, Reading Clerk. Two letters purporting to represent the church at Jones Hill, after being read were referred to the arrangement committee named below, for consideration and advice as to what should be done in the premisses.

2. Then by motion re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers present from sister associations to seats, and the following were present, seated and welcomed: From Abbotts, brother J. R. Garner. From Mountain District, Elder S. G. Caudill and brother Hiram Edwards. From Silver Creek, Elder H. M. Williams and brother W. A. Bentley. From Mill Branch, Elder B. H. Harrelson and brothers U. N. Norris and B. F. Harrelson. From Salem, Elder C. A. Davis. No messenger present from Senter or Nolachuckey associations.

4. Invited visiting ministers and brethren from sister associations to seats. These were present and welcomed to seats: From Abbotts Creek, brethren Lee Owens, Lee Snider, D. P. Broadaway and C. B. Owens. From Fishers River, Elder J. M. Royal. From Mountain Dis-

trict, brother Monroe Edwards.

5. Appointed on arrangement committee brothers W. M. Clonts, J. F. Burrus, and H. F. Curlee with Moderator and Clerk, to report Monday morning.

6. Brothers H. M. Baucom and P. A. Howard were appointed a committe on finance, to also report Monday.

7. By motion appointed Elders J. M. Royal, C. A. Davis, B. H. Harrelson and S. G. Caudill to preach at the Stand on Sunday. Service to commence at 10 A. M.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 A. M., Monday.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday evening preaching service conducted at the Stand by Elders C. A. Davis, and B. L. Treece.

SUNDAY SERVICES, OCTOBER 1ST.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., a large congregation assembled around the Stand in the grove. Praise and prayer conducted by Elder W. R. Helms. Then Elder J. M. Royal preached from these words—"I will lead my people in a way they knew not, and in paths they had not known." Then Elder C. A. Davis preached from first verse of 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

Intermission, one hour for dinner.

Then at 1:30 P. M., re-assembled around the stand and Elder B. H. Harrelson preached from these words: "He came once in the end of the world to put away sin by the offering of Himself." Then Elder S. G. Caudill preached from this: "The hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God and they that hear shall live," followed and closed by Elder W. C. Edwards from the 9th, 10th and 11th verses of 4th chapter Thesalonians. These services were listened to with much interest manifested and those who know and love the truth were edyfied and comforted. The ministers were blessed to preach Christ the way, the truth and the life of His chosen generation and that in sweet peace and Christain fellowship. Bless and praise Him for such good meetings.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 2, 1922.

Reconvened in the house at 9:30 A. M. pursuant to

adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis. Then the Moderator resumed his seat and proceeded to business.

9. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees. (Omitting reading of Rules of Decorum.)

11. By motion, agreed not to seat the Jones Hill delegations from either side, but the association requests the churches at Lawyer Springs, Jerusalem, Watson, Crooked Creek and Mountain Creek to choose and send a delegation from each of these churches, to visit the church at Jones Hill, on Saturday before third Sunday in November, 1922 and investigate the Diciplinary Standing of the church at Jones Hill and advise and labor with both factions and if possible to aid in restoring peace and fellowship and report their findings and action to our Spring session of this association.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Brother J. F. Burrus attended both Silver Creek and Abbots Creek and had good meetings. Others who failed were excused.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Reports were made by the following: From Salem by Elder C. A. Davis. From Abbotts Creek by brother J. R. Garner. From Silver Creek by Elder H. M. Williams. From Mountain Distric by Elder S. C. Caudill. From Mill Branch by brother U. N. Norris. Then in line with above Elder J. M. Royal requested us to open correspondence with Fishers River association, which was agreed upon with their consent and a file of Minutes was ordered sent to Elder Royal at Thurmond, N. C. This association is always pleased to have the ministers and brethren of sister associations present in our meetings.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. It was reported that Elder W. C. Edwards, J. F. Mills, D. S. Jones and some brother Deacons formed a Presbytery on Sat. before first Sunday in Sept., 1922 at High Hill church and ordained brothers Philander Helms and S. H. Ed-

wards as Deacons. Also, that Elder W. R. Helms and some brother Deacons formed a Presbytery on Saturday before third Sunday in September, 1922 at Concord church and ordained brother M. A. Helms a Deacon.

15. That we continue our usual correspondence with sister associations as follows.

To Abbotte Creek—J. W. Jones, J. F. Burrus and Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elders W. R. Helms, B. L. Treece and Minutes.

To Salem—J. F. Burrus and Minutes.

To Mountain District—Elder W. R. Helms, J. F. Burrus and Minutes.

To Senter—Foster Beam and Minutes.

To Silver Creek—Elder W. R. Helms and Minutes.

To Nolachuckey, Tenn.—Minutes.

16. That our next Spring session be held with the church at Watson, Union County, N. C. Elder W. C. Edwards to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. F. Mills, his alternate and commence on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1923 and that the Annual or Fall session convene with the church at Pleasant Hill, in Iredell County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1922. Elder B. L. Treece to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Edwards, his alternate. Service at 11 A. M., at both places.

17. That the Clerk have notices of above meetings published in the Landmark, Primitive Baptist and Gospel Messenger.

18. Treasurer reported by reading Financial Statement from last Minutes.

19. Finance Committee reported sent up this year for Minute and associational purposes $98.10. Here it was agreed that surplus funds on hand be distributed to ministers present.

20. That the Clerk act as Treasurer also, and superintend and have 1100 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as usual and that ten dollars be allowed for his services.

21. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of the community for such kind hospitality and

entertainment during this meeting.

21. Read above Minutes before the body and same approved. Now may the God of all peace continue His presence among us to own and to bless.

22. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Short prayer by the Moderator.

Preaching today at the Stand by Elder C. A. Davis,

ELDER W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator, Wingate, N.C.

J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer, Peachland, N. C.

MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION, 1922

Bear Creek—Jason Eudy, A. J. Furr, Levi Tucker.*
Bethany—By Letter.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, M. A. Helms, J. F. Burrus.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, Robt. Lee, S. L. Taylor.*
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, J. E. Benton, D. L. Williams.
Flat Lake—D. P. Dunn, C. C. Hall, C. R. McLendon.*
Freedom—A. J. Deese, J. W. Deese.*
High Hill— W, M. Clonts, Elder D. S. Jones, S. H. Edwards.
High Ridge—Willie Helms, Lonnie Thomas, J. P. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, W. H. Hinson, M. F. Coble.
Jerusalem—H. F. Curlee, W. A. Helms, W. H. Curlee.
Jones Hill—(Not Seated.)
Liberty—Elder Henry Taylor, Edmond Privitte, J. B. Whitley.
Liberty Hill—J. F. Crisco, J. C. Morton.*
Lawyers Springs—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, F. A. Preslar.
Meadow Creek—Aaron Barbee,* H. A. Williams,* Eli Huneycutt.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. S. Miller,* W. R. Morton.
New Zion—W. M. Coley, S. M. Underwood.*
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, J. M. Williams, H. B. Godwin.
Pleasant Hill—E. J. Liles, Sam Rimmer, J. M. Taylor.
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, F. N. Gardner, Julius Beam.
Running Creek—R. F. Almond, J. D. Eury, E. M. Hatley.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, L. W. Medlin, S. D. Outen.
Watson—Joel Mullis, J. T. Rushing, Troy Simpson.

Absentees, maked thus (*).

STATISCIAL TABLE FOR 1922.

CHURCHES	By Experience and Baptism	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek							20	$ 3.00
Bethany							3	1.50
Concord	2		1				20	2.00
Clarks Grove	2				1		16	3.50
Crooked Creek	2			1		2	24	5.25
Freedom							3	.50
Flat Lake							10	3.00
High Hill	6						41	10.00
High Ridge							28	3.25
Howards Chapel	4			1			29	4.00
Jerusalem							27	10.40
Jones Hill							27	4.00
Liberty	2					2	18	2.10
Liberty Hill							14	3.00
Lawyers Spring	7	1	1				53	10.00
Meadow Creek						1	11	2.00
Mountain Creek							14	2.50
New Zion							8	2.00
Pleasant Hill							21	3.65
Pleasant Grove	6					1	41	5.30
Philadelphia	3						16	3.15
Running Creek	5				1		26	5.00
Union Grove	3	1				1	34	5.00
Watson	2					1	19	4.00
TOTALS	44	2	2	2	2	8	523	$98.10

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSOFFICES, 1922.

Communion Meeting Sunday

Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, Oakboro, N. C., __ __ __1st in August
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, Rt.-A., Wadesboro N. C., _ 3rd Aug.
Concord—M. A. Helms, Kanapolis, N. C., __ __ __3rd in August
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee, Stanfield, N. C., Rt.-2. _ _2nd in Aug.
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, Rt.-1, Indian Trail N. C., _ 4th July
Freedom—J. W. Deese, Rt.-6, Albemarle, N. C.
Flat Lake—C. R. McLendon, Rt.-1, Mt. Gilead, N. C., _ 4th in July
High Hill—W. M. Clonts Rt.-1, Unionville, N. C. _ _1st in Sept.
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, Rt.-1, Marshville, N. C. _ _3rd in July
Howards Chapel—Arch Carpenter, Rt.-1, Norwood, N. C. 1st Sept.
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C. __ __ __ 2nd in August
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Oakboro, N. C. __ __ __ __ 3rd in Sept.
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Rt.-7, Monroe, N. C.
Liberty Hill—J. A. Barbee, Oakboro, N. C. __ __ __ 4th in July
Lawyers Springs—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C. __ 1st in Aug.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, Rt.-7, Salisbury, N. C. _ 3rd Aug.
Mountain Creek—W. A. Helms, Rt.-7, Concord, N. C. __ 2nd Sept.
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C. __ __2nd in July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Rt.2, Barber, N. C. __ 4th in June
Philadelphia—Foster Beam. Ellenboro, N. C. __ __ __4th in Aug.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, Rt.-1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 2nd Aug.
Union Grove—J. C. Medlin, Rt.-2, Monroe, N. C. __ 2nd in Sept.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Rt.-2, Unionville, N. C. __ __ 4th in May

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.

Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.

Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.

Elder B. L. Treece, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.

Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.

Elder D. S. Jones, Nnionville. N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1922.

Sent up by the churches for associational expense and Minutes _____ $98.10

DISBURSEMENTS

For Printing and Mailing _____	$48.00	
Allowance to Clerk _____	$10.00	
Distributed to Ministers _____	$40.10	
Total Disbursements _____	$98.10	$98.10

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in

grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Assocaition shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.